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SAMUEL MYRICK OF BERKELEY, MASSACHUSETTS
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Samuel Myrick of Berkeley, Mass. seems to have been an immigrant ancestor and is not included in the Genealogy of the Merrick-Mirick-Myrick Families of Mass. by George B. Merrick published 1902. The Story of the Myricks by Allie Myrick Bowden published 1952 deals with a Virginia immigrant of this name who has the same Welsh ancestry, but is a very distant relative of the New England branches. From the fact the compiler is a descendant of Achsa Myrick who married Reuben Thayer of Belchertown, Mass. investigation was made on her ancestry which led to the discovery of Samuel Myrick of Berkeley and to the fact he had been omitted from the excellent genealogy written on the other branches of this family by George B. Merrick.

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"The Meyricks are of the purest and noblest Cambrian blood, and have possessed the same ancestral estate and residence at Bodorgan, Anglesey, Wales without interruption about a thousand years. They have the rare distinction of being lineally descended both from the Sovereign Prince of Wales and of the Welsh Royal family and from King Edward I, whose oldest son was the first Prince of Wales of the English Royal family." (Burke's "Peerage" edition 1887, p 946 quoted in "Genealogy of the Merrick-Mirick-Myrick Family of Mass"1626-1902, G.B.Merrick)

"Meyric, or Meyrick (Bodorgan, co, Anglesey: descended from the marriage of EINIAWN SAIS AP DAVID' Usher of the Palace at Sheen, temp. Henry V and Henry VI., with EVA, daughter and heiress of MEREDYDD AP CADWGAN, of Bodorgan; EINIAWN SAIS, who derived his descent from CADAVAL YNAD, Judge of the Court of Powis, temp, King John, obtained an augmentation of his arms for his services in France, represented by MEYRICK, of Bodorgan.

ARMS--Sa. on a chev. ar. betw. t ree staves raguly inflamed ppr. a fleur-de-lis az. betw. two Cornish choughs ppr. CREST---On a tower or, a Conrish chough ppr. holding in the dexter claw a fleur-de-lis az." (Burke's " General Armory" pub 1884)

This coat-of-arms is illustrated prior to page 1 of "Genealogy of the Merrick-Mirick-Myrick Family of Mass" 1636-1902 by Georbe Byron Merrick, Madison, Wisconsin. There isn't any description of this coat-of-arms nor any authority for its use in this genealogy other than the suggestion on page 95 that "the John Merrick who had a grant of land at Hingham in 1637...was the father of the four brothers of Charlestown, and that he was the son of Rev. William Merrick, of St. David's, Pembrokeshire. This is one of the qestions that must be answered by later historians of the Merrick family....."

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George Byron Merrick of Madison, Wis. was greatly assisted in his work by Miss Henrietta A. Mirick of Gilbertsville, New York who made a trip to Wales in 1901 and visited the ancestral home, which is still in the possession of Meyricks.

"An elaborate chart of the British Merricks, compiled by the late, learned, Sir Samuel R. Merrick(or according to his adopted orthography, Meyrick) of Herefordshire, Wales leads to Meuric, the founder of the family name, and whose will bears date of 30 Nov 1538, just one century before Thomas Merrick settled in Springfield, Massachusetts." ("Genealogical Circular addressed to ALL MERRICKS IN AMERICA by Rev. James Lyman Merrick, S. Amherst, Mass. 1858/9. Loaned by Mrs. R. D. Branford, 99 Main Street, Monson, Mass 1940)

MERRICK PEDIGREE

1 Cydavail, Judge of Powys Court, Wales about A. D. 1200
2 Samuel, son of Cydavail
3 Modoc, son of Samuel
4 Tydyr, son of Modoc
5 Torworth, son of Tydyr
6 Davydd, son of Torworth
7 Einiawn, son of Davydd
8 Heylin, son of Einiawn
9 Llewelyn, son of Heylin
10 Meuric, third son of Lleyellyn, married Margaret, daughter of Roland, Rector of Aberfraw, Angelsey, Wales. Meuric was captain inthe Guard of Henry VIII. His will is dated 30 Nov 1538. Meuric gave the family surname to his descendants (Meuric became Meyrick) His children were:
11 Richard Merrick, Esq. of Bodargan, Angelsey, Wales
12 Rt. Rev. Roland Merrick, DD., Bishop of Bangor, Wales
13 William Merrick
14 Owain Merrick
15 REV JOHN MERRICK, Rector of Llandachya, Wales
16 Rev Edmund Merrick, LL.D. Archdeacon of Bangor
17 Rev Reynalt Merrick, Rector of Llanllechid, Wales
All of these sons, except the 3rd and 4th are known to have married and left descendants
18 Alice Merrick; married
19 Sionedd Merrick; married
20 Agnes Merrick, married

Although we do not know the ancestry of Samuel of Taunton and Berkeley, Mass. we know he descends from this family for of this name trace directly back to Welch ancestors.

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His father was probably the Samuel Myrick who was buried at Rehoboth, Mass 22 July 1675 aged 66 years. He was very probably a soldier in King Philip's War and was a resident of Taunton, Mass of which Berkley was a part at that date.

Taunton was established 3 Mar 1639 from common land called Cohannett
17 March 1710 the North Precinct of Taunton was granted to be a town named Norton
30 May 1712 South Precinct of Taunton established as Dighton
2 April 1731 a part was established as Raynham
18 April 1735 a part was included in the new town of Berkley.

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To Miss Edna M. Hoxie, Berkley, Mass and to Mrs. Margaret Phillips Creet, Glendale, California I give my grateful thanks for their generous assistance in searching out records of this family.

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1 Samuel Myrick buried at Rehoboth 1675, (b 1609) aged 66 years. (Rehoboth town record; copy in Berkley Public Lib; also record in Tilton's "Hist of Rehoboth,Mass" 1918)

2 Samuel Myrick BORN:
DIED:

MARRIED:

_____ _____ BORN:
DIED:

CHILDREN:

x3 i Samuel Myrick b 29 Jan 1687; m 1711 Experience Briggs (Taunton vital rec)
4 ii Joseph Myrick b 19 Sept 1693
5 iii Sarah Myrick b 11 Oct 1694
6 iv Ebenezer Myrick b 12 Oct 1696; m Mary Crane, dau of John Crane; had 16 or 17 children (see biog. sketch on a later page)
7 v Timothy Myrick b 6 Apr 1699

The above is from some notes Charlotte Crane copied before her death several years ago. Her father was long a town clerk at Berkley. She worked a great deal in the probate records and deeds snd it is possible that she found this list of children of Samuel Myrick who were listed in the records for some special reason. The difficulty in finding records on this family is due to the fact that they lived in Taunton at first--that part which later became Berkeley in 1735. Taunton vital records were burned in 1838 and the published vital records of Taunton 1850 were made from gravestones, Bibles and other family data which the compiler of the 1850 publication hunted by going from door to door arousing interest in the project.

3 Samuel (3) Myrick (Samuel,Samuel) BORN: 29 Jan 1687 Taunton,Mass
DIED: 23 Mar 1748 Berkley,Mass
(gravestone)

MARRIED: 29 March 1711 Taunton,Mass
(published v r) cer. by Thomas Leonard,Esq.

Experience Briggs BORN:
DIED:
Dau of Jonathan[2] (Clement)
Briggs, see Briggs Fam. on later pg)

CHILDREN: (all named in father's will; see text below)

x 8 i Ebenezer Myrick b 25 Oct 1714; m Mary Crane
x 9 ii Nathan Myrick; m (Mirick on mar rec) Lydia Jones
10 iii Hannah Myrick; m Jacob Briggs
11 iv Mary Myrick; m Benjamin Crane (called "Mary Crane, widow" in father's will of 1747)
12 v Sarah Myrick; unm in 1747
13 vi Samuel Myrick; m Jemima Cobb; had a son Samuel Myrick (called "grandson Samuel, son of deceased son Samuel" in grandfather's will of 1747)

Samuel and Experience Myrick were charter members of the Congregational Cjurch in Berkley 2 Nov 1737.

Samuel's father had built a house in Myricks about 1700 which still stands (1946).

Edward Westcott, 344 Middleboro Ave., East Taunton,Mass in 1943 loaned to this compiler a newspaper clipping which is quoted below:

M Y R I C K S
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Myricks, formerly a part of Taunton was joined with Berkley in 1879. Myricks, now part of the town of Berkley was named for Samuel Merrick, who settled in that district in 1700.

Myricks fair and cattle show, officially known as Bristol County Cattle Show and Fair, continued from 1858 to 1876. Myricks clambakes continued from 1882 to 1929. Myricks Academy (the Mirickville Academy) was built in 1854, and was burnt in 1904.

One may find very few New England villages that have not experienced the flood and ebb tides of some institution that upon some occasion or for a series of years made those villages widely known and gave them unusual degree of prosperity. Advantageous neighborhood, centralized location, fulfillment of a timely need, and the tides of popularity swept in. A disaster like a fire, the subsidence of local and outside interest--and after a few years only a memory remains.

A village of small but pleasant homes grouped mostly within a quarter of a mile of its railroad depot, and thence spreading off in all directions to the bounds of farming and poultry properites--that is the Myricks that a generation or two ago possessed more than local repute for cattle shows, fairs and an academy. The series of disastrous fires that swept through the center of this Berkley village have obliterated the academy, and a number of other waymarks in its history; though a few landmarks remain to mark sites where thousands of visitors once gathered in family and

neighborhood reunions.

The Myricks name had been spelled in various ways by the early families that bore the name--Merrick, Marick, Myrick--and it was Samuel Merrick, first comer, who settled here and built his house about the year 1700, from whom the settlement had its name. His descendants still reside in the town. His ancestors married into Briggs and Crane families. Samuel's house is still standing, a gambrel-roof structure, with upperstory overhand; and which we sketch without the modern dormer window with old time door and many-paned windows. Here lived Obed and Calvin Myricks, or Merrick, descendants of Samuel. (Note--A correction of the above statement that Samuel's ancestors married into Briggs and Crane families should be Samuel Descendants married into Briggs and Crane families.)

It was the "cattleshow" that brought the big crowds to Myricks, that lasted from 1858 to 1786 and that was an offshoot of the Taunton fair that had its beginning in 1823. The institution was centered in 60 acres, and there was built a stone structure, the exhibitionhall, afterwards the Churchill mill, and barns and fencing and the showy entrance that enclosed 45 of the 60 acres; the grandstand had capacity for seating 1500; near the present sawmill were the grounds where the cattle drawing contests were held; there was a half-mile track for racing near by; exhibits of the farms and of the handiwork of the housewives were shown in the building.

It is said that the cattle show had no peer in New England at the time; the supplies and provisions for the fair, and the preparation for them, gave the villagers plenty to do for weeks beforehand. There were but 44 residents here in the 70's when the fair was at its best, but the thousands of visitors had nothing to complain of with regard to the hospitalities that were offered. Chester Pierce's farm was the scene of the cattle contests; Charles White had charge of the grounds; John A. Williams and Julius Haskins were the popular doortenders and here came the guests of such hosts, families of the name of Pierce, Haskins, Staples, Horton, Farmer, Macomber, Winslow, Deane, Paull, Williams-- all descendants of old settlers and their unnumerable friends from nearly all over this state and other states.

"All aboard for Myricks" was a familiar cry in those times; and there are those still living who recall the hall and picnic grove that stood across the tracks from the present railroad station; the grove was an extensive pine shade; andwith its hall and cookhouse, was the rendezvous of picknickers from city and town, religious and secular organizations--Sunday schools of all denominations. In this grove, Railraod Grove, were held the first (the Methodist clambakes, that for a long series of years, 1772 to 1929, reached a high tide of popularatity, as they were continued in succession thereafter in the pine grove near the church, and afterwards in Colnelius Murphys grove. The clambake has been continued from time to time, since the last "big bake" of August 29, 1929, but not nearly on so large a sclo as in the old days.

Mirickville Academy, as the village academy was called, and that stood about on the present schoolhouse site, was built at a great expense in 1854 when "a number of men banded together for thepurpose of increasing the facilities of lear ing for their children". The final cost of the building was $6,000 "it was never a success as a business proposition, and failed as an institution

of learning, as the day of academies was about over, this being the last one built in this locality, as the ti e was at the beginning of the public high school." The Academy was a large, square wooden building, of two stories, with a cupola in front and its bell; its land was purchased of Hannah Johnson for $200.00. Among the instructors was later Judge William H. Fox of Taunton, J.W. Spalding having preceded him as instructor and other teachers were: Messrs. Knowlton, Appleton, Wing and George Paull. The building was sold to the City of Taunton in 1860 for $2500 after which it was used as a public school. When this part of Taunton was annexed to Berkley in 1879 the price paid for the building was $900. and it was continued in its use as a public school and for entertainments, On October 25, 1904 this building was destroyed by fire when adjoining buildings were burned, the entire loss being $20,000. In 1905, the present schoolhouse was built.

The little white Methodist Episcopal church at the crossroads, is attractive for its simplicity and its central situation. Rev. Clinton Bromley, one of the most active and zealous pastors this church community has had, tells its interesting story in this church's "Historical and Sketch Book" published in 1935 and 1936, in which he refers to it's founding in 1853 as a Methodist Protestant church; its reorganization in 1871 as at pressnt; and also reminiscently concerning the Methodist meeting house that once stood on County Road; and of the placing of the bell on the present church in the seventies.

On Feb 8, 1879, after many meetings, and expressions of opinion pro and con, the selectmen of Berkley at a town meeting held in reference to a petition by Julius Haskins and others, voted to welcome this district as a part of Berkley, and Myricks has since become generally recorded as such. The last extensive fire in Myricks occurred June 1, 1923 when the postoffice and anumber of other buildings were burned.

(For the above information and pictures for the sketches, thanks are due Mrs. Rhoda W. Hoard, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Dean, and Rev. Clinton E. Bromley. R.W.H.)

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"Berkley was made a town in 1735 from the south part of Taunton and the north part of Dighton. Dighton incorporated as a town in 1712 included south part of what is now Berkley for some distance above the common; 2 3/4 miles. Asonet Neck beginning one mile below us was a part of Taunton from 1680 to 1712 when it was annexed to Dighton. In 1799 it was detached from Dighton and made a part of Berkley. Myricks was a part of Taunton till 1879 when on Feb 8 it was annexed to Berkley.

"The Berkley Church was founded 2 Nov 1777; Samuel Tobey from Sandwich was its first minister, from 1731-1781; father of 12 children and was much beloved. Rev. Thomas Andros from Connecticut was second minister from 1788 to 1834; twice married, wife(first) Abigail Cutler from Connecticut; wife (second) was Sophia Sanford of Berkley, dau of Capt. John and Sarah (Dean) Sanford. Thomas was father of 17 children; he was much sought to assist in ordinations, trained many young men for the ministry. Wrote "The Jersey Captive" in New York Harbor in the Revolutionary War. Thomas was a good soldier, excellent in everything he did. Both ministers and their families are buried in Berkley Common Cemetery.

"The third church built on the original site was destroyed by fire in 1903. The Methdoist Church (a split) was moved on the foundation and the two congregations reunited." (From letter written in 1943 by Edna M. Hoxie, Berkley, Mass.)

Identify of Experience Briggs, wife of Samuel Myrick
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The surname Briggs is from the old Saxon word Brigg, meaning Bridge, and has been in use from the earliest times in England. "William atte Brigge of Salle" was mentioned in the records of Edward I and Edward II about 1272 and the Norfolk family of this name traces their descent from him. Various branches of the family in England have coats-of-arms and include many distinguished men.

Ref: "Middlesex County, Mass" in 4 vols. W.R. Cutter, IV:1579

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1 Clement Briggs BORN:
DIED: will proved 1650 Weymouth,Mass

MARRIED: (1st) shortly bef 1 Mar 1630/1 (see text)

Joane Allen BORN:
DIED:

CHILDREN: ("Mayflower Desc Mag" 18:170; father's will)

2 i Thomas Briggs b 14 June 1633 Weymouth,Mass; settled in Taunton, Mass 1668
x3 ii Jonathan Briggs b 14 June 1635 Weymouth,Mass; settled in Taunton,Mass 1656 (see his biog. sketch on a later page)

MARRIED: (2d)

Elizabeth ..... BORN:
DIED: lived Weymouth till 1691

CHILDREN: (father's and mother's wills)

4 iii John Briggs b ; mentioned in father's will
5 iv David Briggs b 23 Aug 1640; d bef 11 Nov 1685 (named in both wills)
6 v Clement Briggs b 1 Jan 1642; m Hannah Packard; Clement d bef 1671 when his widow m Thomas Randall of Weymouth; their son, Clement 3 Briggs was the first settler of Easton,Mass ("Hist of Easton,Mass" Chaffin, p 39)
7 vi Remember Briggs b ; named in both wills; deceased betw 13 Nov 1683 and 11 Nov 1685 (see mother's will)

Clement (1) Briggs, a felmonger, came from Southward, county Surrey,Eng to Plymouth in the Fortune, arriving at Plymouth 11 Nov 1621. He received a grant of land at Plymouth, as one "which came in the Fortune" in March 1623 being one of the 35 persons who came in that ship. He did not long remain at Plymouth for on 1 Mar 1630-31 the General Court of the Mass. Bay Colony "ffyned" Mr. Thos Stoughton, constable of Dorchester, for taking upon him to marry Clem^t Briggs and Joane Allen" (Recs of the Mass. Bay Colony I:83) This shows that they were married probably at

Dorchester shortly before 1 Mar 1630-31. Apparently the marriage was properly legalized, but the magistrate exceeded his authority in some manner. Briggs was a resident of Weymouth from about 1630 though this marriage was before a Dorchester magistrate. Clergymen were not allowed to officiate at marriages in the early colonial days.

He entertained an Indian "without leave" of the Court for which he was fined ten shillings, 4 Sept 1634. (Recs of the Mass. Bay Colony, I:32)

"The deposition of Clement Briggs of Weymouth felmonger, taken at New Plymouth the 29 day of August 1638, before Thom Prence of New Plymouth, gent. Govr. and Willm Bradford of the same Gent. assistant of the govnt, etc.

"This deponent...sayeth that about two and twenty years since (near 1616) this depont then dwelling with Mr Samuel Lathame in Barmundsey street, Southwarke, felmonger, and one Thomas Harlow then also dwelling with Mr. Robte Hooks (Hicks who came in the Fortune) in the same street a felmonger...where they worked for the space of three or four yeares" (N.E.H.Geneal.Register, 2:244)

He had ten acres granted to him "on the Easter neck", 2 acres "upon the neck at the fferry" and 2 1/2 acres "At Hocklie". Lot No 9 on the east side of Fresh Pond was granted to his name 2 Feb 1651/52. He made his will in 1648, and it was proved 24 Oct 1650. To his son Thomas he gave his home lot at Plymouth; to his son Jonathan land joining to John Rees land at 18 years; andat 21 years one-fourth of all of his land in Weymouth at 21 years of age, if his mother be deceased before or after he decease; to his sons Thomas, David, John and Remember his other land at Plymouth equally, Clement to give his brother Remember 20 s and John 10s. Witnesses John Rogers and Robert Tucker. Testified to 24 Oct 1650 (Suffolk Probate, N.S. I:456)

The inventory of his estate was taken 23 Feb 1648 referring to his lands at Weymouth and at Plymouth to which Elizabeth Briggs, relict deposed 28 July 1659. (Register 9:347)

Widow Briggs had lot No. 37 and 6 acres in the First Division, "beginning on Braintry lyne" and lot No 25 in the Second Division granted to her 14 Dec 1663 (Weymouth Land Grants 264-282-283)

Philip King of Weymouth and Judeth his wife sell Elizabeth Briggs, widow, of the same town land in Weymouth, bounded northerly with the said Elizabeth Briggs her land, west with land of Remember Briggs, south with a high way and east with "Springwell Swamp" 1 Mar 1672-3, possession being given by "Turfe and Twigge" the same day". (Suffolk Deeds 7:211)

Elizabeth Briggs of Weymouth made her will 13 Nov 1683 as follows:

To her son David she gave L10; to her grandchild Clement Briggs, L15 at 21 years; to her son Remember Briggs, the remainder of her estate. Stephen French, Ebenezer White and Joseph Pitty to be overseers. Codicil reads "Whereas my son David is deceased since publishing this my last will, etc....I declare that the L10 I gave him, my grandchild Clement Briggs shall have" dates 11 Nov 1685; proved at Boston 11 Aug 1691, (Suffolk Probate Recs, 8:49) Ref: Weymouth Genealogies, Chamberlain, p 128-129.

3 Jonathan 2 Briggs (Clement,1) BORN: 14 June 1635 Weymouth, Mass. ("Mayflower Desc Mag" Vol 18:170)
DIED: probably Taunton,Mass 1688

MARRIED: (first)

Elizabeth..... BORN:
DIED:

CHILDREN:

8 Jonathan Briggs (eldest son) b 15 Mar 1668(Taunton v r)
9 David Briggs b 6 Dec 1669 (Taunton v r)
10 John Briggs (according to "Compendium of Am Geneal" ed. by Virkus--b 1670--d 1764, m Abigail)
11 Thomas Briggs b Mar 1680/1; m 1 Oct 1702 Scituate,Mass; m Keturah Hatch (Taunton vit rec)
12 Amos Briggs; m Sarah Paine, dau of Ralph and Dorothy 2 Jan 1705 (Taunton v r)
13 Benjamin Briggs
14 Ebenezer Briggs
15 Nathaniel Briggs; unm; see will in text below

MARRIED: (2d) no record of marriage found, probably second wife, Experience, was mother of Experience who m Samuel Myrick; she may have been mother of some of the sons given above)

Experience..... BORN:
DIED: Living 1688/9 when she was called "widow Experience Briggs" in husband's estate settlement

CHILDREN: (named in Nathaniel Briggs's will and mentioned in father's est. settlement as 13 in number)

16 ix Experience Briggs b abt 1690; m 29 Mar 1711 Samuel Myrick (Taunton,Mass vit rec)
117 x Hopestill Briggs; m .... Harvey bef 9 July 1711, date of her brother Nathaniel(s will)
18 xi daughter (see estate settlement below)
19 xii " " " " "
20 xiii " " " " "

From "Genealogical Advertiser" Vol III:118-119)

JONATHAN (1) BRIGGS

Settlement of estate of Jonathan Briggs late of Taunton deceased is made in order to supply and maintain the infirm widow and to bring up "the many smale children".

The eldest son Jonathan shall have the moveables and dwelling house with the home lot, upland and meadow, thereto belonging, and his father's right in the undivided lands of Taunton, he to maintain his mother during her didowhood, and all of the children. The widow shall have her thirds in the remaini g lands during her life and these shall be equally divided among the other seven sons of

the deceased as they come of age or at marriage, they each to pay to each of the five daughters of the deceased 8 pounds. Dated 21 Jan 1698-9 (probably should be 1688/9)

Administration of the estate of Jonathan Briggs late of Taunton granted to his eldest son Jonathan Briggs and his widow Experience Briggs March 6, 1688/9.

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WILL OF NATHANIEL BRIGGS OF TAUNTON

In the Name of God Amen I Natha[l] Briggs of Taunton in New England being of sound judgmet & Memory and bound forth on ye expedition Agst Canada do see cause to make this my last will & Testament Committing my Soul to God in Christ: As for my outward estate I dispose thereof as followeth: All my lands lying on ye south east bank of Taunton Great River at a place called Dead Swamp I give to my brother Thomas Briggs and to his heires and Assignes for ever Provided my brother Thomas Briggs to whom I give my lands do pay to my sister Experience Myrick the sum of five pounds which is due from me to her on account of her portion: I make my said brother Thos Briggs sole Executor to this my last will and Testament & order him to pay all my just Debts which I owe to any person or persons whatsoever and to receive all sums and payments due to mefrom all persons whatsoever. And my Will is that my said Brother Thomas Briggs do pay the sum of five pounds to my Brother Benjamin Briggs in money at 8 shillings ye ounce. Allso I give to my Brother Ebenezer Briggs the sum of Five pounds in like specie My yoke to Steers I give to my Brother John Briggs, the sum of forty shillings due to my by bill from Benja Paul I give to my cozen Damaris Bobit Eldest daughter of Elkanah Bobit. I give to my brother David Briggs the sum of five pounds due from Abraham Jones as appears by his Bill and on his Hand which was assigned over to me by Maj. Lennard. My gun I give to brother David Briggs his eldest son named David Briggs.

In Testimony hereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this ninth day of July Anno Domini 1711; I have left forty shillings to my brother BenjaBriggs which I order him to pay to my sister Hope Hill Harvey. (sic--this should be Hopestill)

Natha[l] Briggs (Seal)

Signed sealed & Declared by Natha[l] Briggs to be his last will and Testam[t] in presents of us

Sarah her X mark Blake

Benj his X mark Harvey

Dorothy Wood

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WILL OF SAMUEL MYRICKS OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

(Taunton Probate Records, Vol II:432-433)

Samuel Myricks Will, yeoman of Berkley Jan 11, 1747
to wife Experience income and improvement of all my freehold estate both land and privileges during time she remains my widow but if she should marry she is to have 1/3 part; I also give to my wife improvement of all moveables within doors excepting 1 bed and furnishing thereto belonging that I design to be hereafter disposed of the best bed to which child she pleases and my will is that all the rest of the moveables within doors except the best bed be given my wife and the next best bed which I have disposed of in this my will descend after the death of my wife to my son Nathan

to my son Ebenezer his heirs and assigns the sum of 30 pounds in bills of credit of the old tenor to be paid by my executor hereafter named to be paid in 5 years after my dec.

to my son Nathan and his heirs and assigns forever all my homestead land and freehold estate that I am lawfully seized of together with all my privileges and prospects I have of redeeming a peice of land formerly conveyed to James Dean which is now dec. and if the Dean heirs should recover same or to compound with sd. Dean heirs as he think best without rendering an account to any of the children. I also give to sd Nathan all my creatures within my out-doors moveables whatsoever.

to daughter Hannah Briggs wife of Jacob sum of 20s old tenor to be paid to her by my exec. 5 years after my dec and the reason why I give her no more is namely I have already given her what I judge to be sufficient to the ability of my estate.

to my daughter Mary Crane widow 20s old tenor to be paid by my exec. 5 yrs after my dec and the reason I give her no more is the reason last mentioned.

to dau Sarah Mireck 30 pounds old tenor to be paid by my exec. 5 yrs after my dec. the privilege of house room so long as she remains unmarried; also I give her 1 bed and furniture whichI referred to in foregoing part of this my will and it is the best excepting one I gave my wife

to my grandchild called Samuel Mireck son of my son Samuel which is late deceased the sum of 20s old tenor to be paid by my executor when my sd grandchild comes to be legally of age and the reason I give him no more is because to my son Samuel before his dec. I give him so much as I judged to be according to ability of my estate.

Lastly I constitute ordain and appoint my beloved son Nathan Myrick my sd exec. to pay all my debts funeral charges and all legacies at the time I have in this my will appointed.

Signed sealed and declared to be by aforesd Samuel Myrick his last will and testament in the presence of
Ebenezer French
Joseph Phillips
John Crane

Samuel Mirrick (SEAL)

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April 5, 1748 Then before the Hon. George Leonard Esq. Judge of Probate of Wills City Bristol came Joseph Phillips and John Crane two of the witnesses of the last will and testament of Samuel Mirricks late of Berkley dec and made oath that they were present and did see and hear the sd dec sign seal and declare the within written instrument to be his last will and testament and that he was

of sound and disposing mind when he so did and that Ebenezer French signed with them as witness and that they all signed in the presence of the testator.

George Leonard

Stephen Paine, Reg.

Vol 11:443 Inventory 2 Apr 1748 total 835.08.0

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Samuel and Experience Myrick were the only Myricks among the charter members of the Congregational Church established Berkley 2 Nov 1737.

Samuel asked for dormars to window panes destroyed by fire; refused consideration, but later an assessment was made to pay him. Assessment was made for Samuel to finish the church.

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23 Oct 1745 Ebenezer is made admn'r of his brother Samuel's estate and in 1788 a settlement is made on Samuel's widow Barbara.

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DEED FROM SAMUEL MYRICK OF TAUNTON TO BENJAMIN KNAP

To all People to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know yee that Samuel Myrick of Taunton in the County of Bristol in the Province of the Massachuset Bay in New England Husbandman for and in consideration of ye sum of forty pounds Lawfull money of ye Province to me in hand payd Before the sealing and Delivering of these Presents by Benja Knap of Swanzey in ye County of Bristol Husbandman the Receipt whereof I do by these presents acknowledge & my self therewith to be fully sattisfyed & payd and thereof and of every part thereof Do acquit Exonerate and Discharge sd. Benja Knap his heires Executes and Admes firmly b these presents Have given granted bargained & sold Aliened Enfeofed & Confirmed & by these presents Do give grant Bargain sell Alien enfeof & confirm unto him said Benjamin Knap One Tract or Percell of land sittuate Lying & being withinye Limits and bounds of Taunton aforesaid Contayning by estimation forty acres bounded upon Sekirganset River westerly upon James Burtts land southerly upon land late Benja Starrs northerly on undivided land belonging to the proprietors or Purchaser of the old Township of Taunton Easterly To h ve and to hold sd Tract of land in Taunton contayning b estimation forty acres be it more or less with all priviledges & Appurtces thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the frame of an house standing there on To him sd. Benja Knap his heires and Assgnes for Ever to his and their only proper use and behoofe ~~and his heirs~~ and I sd Samuel Myrick for my self my heires Executors & Administes Do Covenant Promise and grant to & with him said Benjamin Knap his heires and assignes that I said Samuel Myrick have in myself at the time of ye sealing & untill the Delivery of these presents good Right full power and Lawfull Authority the above granted premises with the Appurtenances thereof to grant sell and Confirm unto him said Benja Knap his heires and assignes for Ever in manner as above expressed And that he sd Benja Knap his heires and assignes for Ever shall and may from time to time and at times for ever hereafter peaceably and quietly Enjoy and Improve the above granted premises

with the priviledges and appurces thereof with out any lett Denyall or Contradiction of or from me sd Saml Myrick my heires Executes or Admes or any other person or persons by from or under me or them or any of them or by any other Lawfull wayes or meanes Claiming or haveing any Right tiele or Interest in the premises or in any part or percell thereof And ffurthermore that I sd Samuel Myrick my heires Executors & Admes shall & will at any time or times hereafter do an perform or cause to be done and performed any further or other Act or Acts things needfull in the Law for the further sure makeing & confirmeing the above granted premises with the priviledges and Appurces thereof to him said Benja Knap his heires and Assignes for ever in manner above expressed that shall Reasonably be Required whether it be by Acknoeldgement of this Instrument to be my Voluntary Act & Deed before Lawfull Authority or by any other Lawfull wayes and meanes In witness hereof I said Samuel Myrick have hereto set my hand & seale this Twentieth day of November Anno Domini one Thousand seven Hundred and Eleven Annoque Regnis Regins Anne Super Magnum Brittaniam &c Domino

Signed sealed and Delivered Samuel Myrick S
In presence of us
Samuel Danforth)
Henry Hodges Jun^E)

In Taunton in Bristol County Decem^E the Twenty Eighth day Anno Domini seventeen Hundred Eleven the above named Samuel Myrick acknoeldged the above written Instrument to be his own ffree voluntary Act and Deed before me
Thomas Leonard Just

Entered Janey ye 3d 1711 By John Cary Recorder

A copy of record from Book 7, pages 134 & 135 Bristol County Northern District Land Records

Attest:
Harold A. Goff, Register

(Note--copy made 1945)

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DEED FROM SAMUEL MIRICKS OF BERKLEY TO JAMES DEAN OF DIGHTON
13 Sept 1743

"To all people to whom these Presents shall come...know ye that I Samuel Myricks of Berkley in the County of Bristol in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman for and in consideration of the sum of Forty-two pounds Three shillings & Six pence old tenor to me in hand Before the Ensealing hereof well & truly Paid by James Dean of Dighton in ye County & Province foresaid Cordwainer the Recept whereof I do Hereb acknowledge & myself therewith fully satisfied & Contented..and of every Part & Parcel thereof do exonerate acquit and Dishharge him the said James Dean his heirs executors & Administrators forever by these Presents have given, Granted, Bargained, Sold, Alioned, Conveyed & Confirmed, and b these Presents, Do freely, fully & absolutely give, Grant, Bargain & Sell...unto him the sd James Dean his heirs & assings for-

ever a certain Peice of land situated Lying & Being in Berkley aforesaid and bounded as followeth: viz Northerly on the land that was ofrmerly John Sanfords and Easterly on the land of Samuel Mirick Junr and Southerly on the land of Samuel Miricks the subscriber and Westerly on the land of Ebenezer French, with all the Edefices buildings and fenceings standing thereon Containing Six Acres to have & tohold the said Granted & Bargained Premises with all the Appurtenances...to the same Belonging...to him the said James Dean his heirs & assigns forever..and I the said Samuel Mirisk for myself my heirs executors & Administrators do hereby convenant Promise & Grant to and with the sd James Dean... that before the Ensealing hereof I am the true sole and lawful owner of all the above Bargained Premises and am Lawfully Seized & Possessed of the same in my own Proper Right..in fee simple and have in my Own Good Right full power & Lawful Authority to Grant Bargain Sell convey..said Bargained Premisses in Manner aforesaid....and that he the sd James Dean his heirs & assigns shall...at all times hereafter by force & virtue of these Presents shall Lawfully Peaceably & Quiet'ly Have Hold Use Occupy Possess & Enjoy the sd Demised & Bargained Premsses...Furthermore I the sd Samuel Mirick for myself my heirs executors & Administrators do Covenant & Engage the above Demises Premmsses to him the sd James Dean. against the Lawfull Claims or Demands of any Person or Persons. Warrant Secure & Defend by these Presents. In Witness whereof I the said Samuel Miricks have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this twenty-fifth day of August Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty-three and in the seventeenth year of his Majesties Reign King George the second over Great Britain &c

Signed Sealed & Delivered (Signed) Samuel Mirick (SEAL)
in presence of
Mary Chase
John Crane

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Bristol at Berkley August the 25th 1743 Samuel Mirick the Subscriber to the within written Instrument appeared Personally & Did Acknowledge the Same to be his Act and Deed Before Me

Jersham Crane Justice of Peace

Received Setpember ye 13th 1743 & Recorded pr Thos Throope Jnr Register

Recorded Book 32 page 83 and 84 Bristol County Northern District Land Records

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Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Taunton, Mass. shows Samuel Myrick bought land from 1715 to 1754 and that he sold land from 1711 to 1744. This land was all located either in Taunton or Berkley.

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BRISTOL COUNTY, MASS. PROBATE RECORDS
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Vol 27:26---Inv. est. Eber Miricks of Berkley 111.5.11 taken by Ebenezer Winslow, Nathan Mirick, Abial Haskins Mar 5, 1778. "Then Eb Mirick adm of est. of the within Eber Mirick dec. made oath that the within written inv. contained the whole of the deceased's estate which he has received" Benj. William Judge of Probate

* This Eb is not clearly written; seems to have another letter but not enough to make twomore. It could be meant for Ebenezer or Eber. (see a later page for Eber Mirick)

Vol 35:348---Thomas Briggs, Malborn Briggs and Ezra Chase appointed to take inventory of estate of Ebenezer Miricks dec. late of Berkley, Feb 6, 1798 (Could not find the inv. listed in index) see a later page for Ebenezer Mirick or Myrick.

Vol 86:177---WILL of Phebe Mirick wife of Obed of Taunton names her husband Obed; son Obed $10.00; son Calvin $10.00; grandson Benjamin Strobridge $10.00. Names her husband exec June 8, 1842

Vol 10:439;493---Admn granted to Mrs. Jemima Myrick of Berkly widow of Samuel lately dec. intestate and to make a true inv. before Jan 8th next. Oct 8, 1744 Nathaniel Hubbard --Admn granted to Ebenezer Mirick of Berkley husbandman brother of Samuel late of Berkley. Adm was granted to his widow Jamima who is since deceased. Adm'r to make a true inventory and present before the 13th March 1745. Mar 13, 1744

Vol 11:40---Inv. of Samuel Mirick Jr. late of Berkley dec. intestate total 292. Land and wearing apparel, etc. taken by John Paul, Joseph Burt, Benajah Babbit. Then came Ebenezer Mirick adm est of his brother Samuel late of Berkley and made oath the above was a true inv.

Vol 11:574---Account of adm Oct 4, 1748 presented.

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8 Ebenezer 4 (Samuel,Samuel,Samuel)

BORN: 25 Oct 1714 Taunton,Mass
DIED: 20 Jan 1798 aged 84 yrs.
(Berkley town record)

MARRIED: 9 Aug 1739

Mary Crane BORN:
DIED:
Dau of Benjamin Crane who d 1721

CHILDREN: (b Berkley,Mass; town records in Berkley Public Library)

14 i Zilpha Myrick b 2 June 1740; m Chas Reed of Swansea 17 Feb 1763
15 ii Eber Myrick b 15 Apr 1742 (Berkley town rec); m Elizabeth Hopkins of Taunton 26 June 1764 (Taunton vit rec published)
16 iii Ebenezer Myrick b 17 Nov 1743; called "Ebenezer,Jr. of Fairhaven, settled his father's estate 25 Apr 1798; there were several Ebenezers; an Ebenezer married widow Rebeckah French 17 July 1775 and another Ebenezer m Rachel Edminster 27 Sept 1781 (Berkley vr); Ebenezer (#6) had 16 or 17 chn, undoubtedly had sons and grandsons named for him, making it more difficult (without documentary proof) to trace various Ebenezers' families.
17 iv Samuel Myrick b 14 June 1746; probably he who m Barbara Tinkham of Dartmouth 29 Aug 1774
18 v Experience Myrick b 4 July 1748; m Josiah Holloway,jr. of Taunton 1 May 1766 (Taunton pub vr)
19 vi Hannah Myrick b 15 Apr 1750; prob d y
20 vii Silas Myrick b 13 Nov 1752
21 viii Mary Myrick b 2 Feb 1754
22 ix Nathan Myrick b 2 Jan 1756
23 x Hannah Myrick b 5 Jan 1758; probably she who m Joshua Hopkins of Taunton 24 Mar 1778 (Taunton and Berkley vr)

Ebenezer, Jr. of Fairhaven settled his father Ebenezer's estate 25 Apr 1798

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9 Nathan 4 Myrick (Samuel,Samuel,Samuel)
BORN: Named in father's will
DIED: probably Berkley,Mass
MARRIED: 10 Nov 1749 Taunton,Mass (both of Berkley)

Lydia Jones BORN: 5 July 1728 Berkley,Mass
DIED: see text below
CHILDREN: (all on Berkley town records)

24 i Lydia Mirick b 14 Nov 1750; m John Babbitt
25 ii Molle Mirick b 23 July 1752; m Philip Hoskins
26 iii Hannah Mirick b 17 Aug 1757; prob she who m Isaac Richmond of Middleboro 4 Aug 1776 (Berkley vr)
27 iv Jemima Mirick b 25 Oct 1759; m 14 Dec 1780 James Paull,

28 v Nathan Mirick b 25 July 1764
29 vi Simeon Mirick b 19 July 1768; m 20 Aug 1791 Lydia Caswell
30 vii Edmund Mirick b 13 Oct ~~XXXX~~ (called Edward in one rec) 1771

Simeon Mirick was made admr of Nathan's (of Berkley) estate brings charges to appraisers 2.25.1.00 journey to Taunton; paid Sargent Jones 1.00 for digging grave; 3.00 funeral expenses; 1.00 for registering accounts; 60-53 the whole account 5 Jan 1802 regsitered.

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DEED recorded 16 Jan 1768 in Book 51, page 59 registry of deeds, Taunton--Nathan Mirick for L27 10s paid by George Sanford, gent., conveys to John Sanford house and land 14 acres bounded on the east by land of Ebenezer Paul, on the north by land of George Sanford, on the west by land of Nathaniel Townsend, and partly by the widow Harvey, on the south by land of the said Paul excepting a high ay through the land of Bradford and Thomas Gilbert.

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In the same book recorded sale by George Sanford for L 24 8s in Berkley to Bernice Crane (Barnabas) on some records) 12 1/2 acres on both sides of the road boughtof Nathan Myrick by deed 14 Jan 1768, reserving one and one-half acres on the NE side on the SW side of said road bounded north by land bought of Elkanah Babbitt, east on land bought by Elijah Macomber of Ebenezer Paul, south by a stone wall on the north side of the orchard. Lemuel and Bathsheba Crane witnesses. 25 Jan 1769--recorded 10 Feb 1769. James Williams, Rec.

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Lemuel and Bathsheba (Gilbert) Crane (witnesses to above deed) were Tories. Thomas Gilbert who lived in this vicinity in Myricks section in Freetown at the time of the Revolutionary War raised a large Tory force and was obliged to escape to Canada, Lemuel Crane left the country.

John Sanford's place was on the Myricks road one and one-half miles east of the Berkley Common. Farther upon this road, now Padelford Street, not far from Skunk Hill lived Bernice and Joanna Crane. Joanna was an Axtel from New Jersey. Axtells, some of the family had Tory leanings; The Pauls lived in Skunk Hill neighborhood very near Myricks Village; had a private cemetery.

Nathan Myrick (mirick on record) served in the Rev. War as a Private in Capt. Jacob Haskins company, in a regiment commanded by Lieut. Col. Samuel Pierce, engaged20 May 1779, discharged 27 May 1779, service 10 days at Tiverton,R.I. regiment raised to serve at Rhode Island until 1 July 1779.

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1 Thomas Jones b abt 1602 Caversham in south part of Oxfordshire,England m first in England, Ann.....Their children were Joseph b abt 1636; Benjamin b 1637 and Thomas b 1640; he m 2d, Lydia Sanderson, dau of Robert (1) Sanderson metallurgist

who minted the first coinage in America; the pine tree, oak tree and willow tree shillings; Thomas and Lydia Jones had one daughter, Mary (or Hannah) who m about 1674 Thomas Caswell.

2 Thomas Jones b abt 1640 prob Hingham,Mass, d avt 1672 1672 Taunton,Mass. m .....children: Hannah 1657; Lydia 1659; Thomas Jones b 4 May 1662; m Mary Paul b 8 Feb 1666-7; Joseph b 5 May 1664; m Abigail Caswell 1696; Nicholas m Jerusha Leonard and assumed name of his step-father, John Smith.

3 Thomas Jones m Martha Andrews (Capt. John,John) his est. adm by Zephaniah Jones who was appointed 28 Feb 1781; children: Phebe 1723; Lidia Jones b 5 July 1728; intentions of m to Nathan Myrick 4 May 1749 (Dighton town rec); m 10 Nov 1749 in Taunton "both of Berkley".; Thomas b 14 Mar 1730; John ~~twin~~, b 14 Mar 1730.

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1 William Paul b 1624 England d 9 Nov 1704 aged 80 Taunton,Mass. m bef Mar 1657 Taunton,Mass. Mary Richmond b 1639 Taunton,Mass, d 3 Oct 1715 aged 76 Taunton,Mass dau of John Richmond; children: James Paul b 7 Apr 1758 m Mary; John 1660; m Dorothy Walker Edward b 1663-4 m Esther Babbitt; Mary b 1666-7 m Thomas Jones; Sarah 1668; m Henry Tew who became Dep-Gov of R.I.; Abigail b 1673, m 1st, Joseph Wood; m 2,d John Burt; Ebenezer Paul b 1677; m Sarah, who was perhaps the widow Sanford; Benjamin 1681; m Ruth Dyer (Ref: "Paul Book" by Edw Joy Paul)

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24 Lydia Mirick second wf of John Babbit 1 Jan 1779. John Babbitt was son of Benajah (Edward,Edward) b 2 Aug 1733; d 8 Mar1816 in Berkley,Mass; was representative to the General Court in Boston 1787; served in the Revolution: Aug 1 to Dec 1776 on duty at Warren,R.I. and almost two months in 1777. In 1774 styled "Gentleman" always lived on the ancestral farm of his great-grandfather Edward who was killed by the Indians 25 June 1675 on his return to the garrison in Taunton to which his family had fled. His little dog at the foot of the tree betrayed his hiding place among the leafy branches. This first Edward had nine children was well-to-do. The third home built on the ancestral ground was destroyed by fire some years ago and the land sold to a Portuguese. The first wife of John was Elizabeth Daen, dau of Joseph and Sarah (Burt) Dean. Joseph Dean was son of Joseph and grandson of Walter Dean. Walter and John Dean were among the first settlers from Taunton, England and the street on which they lived still bears the name of Dean Street in their honor, Taunton,Mass.

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29 Simeon 5 Mirick (Nathan,Samuel,Samuel,Samuel)

BORN: 19 July 1769 Berkley,Mass
DIED: prob Shutesbury,Mass where the last two c ildren were born

MARRIED: 20 Aug 1791 in Taunton "Simeon Mirick of Berkley and Lydia Caswell of Taunton (Taunton pub v r)

Lydia Caswell BORN: 7 Oct 1772 Taunton,Mass(vr)
DIED:
Dau of John and Elizabeth (Caswell) Caswell

CHILDREN: (5 b Berkley, 2 b Shutesbury,Mass)

31 i Elizabeth Mirick b 29 Mar 1792 Berkley,Mass.(vr)
32 ii Andrew Mirick b 7 May 1793 " " "
33 iii Achsah Mirick b 25 Nov 1795 (marriage rec at Amherst, Mass); m Reuben Thayer
34 iv Edward Mirick b 29 Feb 1798; Edmund m Margarett King (intentions 15 Aug 1819) Pelham,Mass(Pub vr)
35 v Lucinda Mirick b 19 Sept 1803 Berkley,Mass (town rec); m Marshal T. Lincoln (intentions 5 May 1827 (Pelham, Mass pub v r)
36 vi Lydia Jones Mirick b Shutesbury 30 Aug 1805 (Shutesbury town rec copied by Nathan J. Hunting, town clk 1936)
37 vii Chloe Mirick b Shutesbury 24 Aug 1809 (Shutesbury town rec); m Wm Newell (intentions 6 Oct 1827) Pelham,Mass

Simeon Mirick was made adm'r of his father's estate and turned in his bill of expenses at Berkley,Mass 5 Jan 1802 (see preceding sketch for Nathan Mirick)

Achasa Mirick b 25 Nov 1795 who gave her residence as Shutesbury Mass at the time of her marriage to Reuben Thayer was long a mystery to this compiler. Every Merrick-Mirick-Myrick family was searched for some trace of her (which accounts for so much material on these familyies in this compilation) until Waldo C. Sprague of Wollaston,Mass found her death record at Boston which gave the names of her parents. He had found that a Simeon Mirick lived at Shutesbury where his two daughters were born in 1805 and 1809. Finding that Achsah Mirick was from the Berkley family, it opened a successful search for her lineage which is given in this volume. Much of this data has never before been presented to the public and it is the hope of this compiler that those interested will continue the search for more documentary proof for the other branches of this Berkley Mirick family. At such a distance, it is almost impossible for this compiler to secure all the documentary proof which is available in the registry of deeds at Taunton for these various branches.

Ref: Berkley Records in Berkley,Mass Pub Lib. copied by Edna M. Hoxie,Berkley 1943
Death records of Achsa (Mirick) Thayer in Bureau of Vit Statistics, State House, Boston
Shutesbury,Mass town records
Marriage Rec of Achas Mirick and Reuben Thayer

1 Thomas Caswell died (will probated 1697) m.....
Children (Taunton,Mass v r; all called "children of Thomas" no name for wife): Stephen 1648; m Hannah Thrasher; Thomas 1650; Peter 1652; Mary 1654; m Israel Thrasher; John b 31 July 1656, m Elizabeth Hall; Sarah 1658 m Wm Hasking; Wm Caswell 1660; Hannah 1661; Samuel Caswell 1662; Elizabeth 1664, m Uriah Lenoard; Abigail 1666; m Joseph Jones; Esther

2 John Caswell b 31 July 1656 Taunton,Mass; d est. appraised 20 Mar 1713-14 (Hist of Norton,Mass by Clark, 1859, p 79) m 26 Nov 1689 Elizabeth Hall, dau of Samuel Hall; children: John 1690 m Hannah; Elizabeth 1691; m Samuel Bayley; Samuel 1695, m Ursula White; Jedediah Caswell b 7 Nov 1700; m Mary King 11 July 1726 (Norton,Mass pub v r)
Bethiah b 1705 m Henry Witherell; Josiah or Isaiah b 1 June 1696.

3 Jedediah Caswell b 7 Nov 1700 Norton,Mass m 11 July 1726 Norton,Mass Mary King, children: Josiah 1727; Jedediah 1730; Marcy (Mary) 1733; Anna 1736; Elizabeth b 7 June 1740, m 12 Aug 1762 Taunton,Mass Job Caswell, her 2d cousin

2 Samuel Caswell b 26 Jan 1662 Taunton,Mass m.....children: Samuel; Henry; Ebenezer m....; Nathaniel m 1736 Mercy Thrasher Damaris; Mehitable; Ruth; Anne; Johanna; Rebecca

3 Ebenezer Caswell m .....children: Ebenezer; Moses; Job Caswell m in Taunton 12 Aug 1762 Elizabeth Caswell dau of Jedediah Caswell, abovd. children: Simeon, Huldah, Job; Elizabeth; Charity, Lydia, Noah, Lusinda; Gilbert
4 Lydia Caswell b 7 Oct 1772 m Simeon Mirick 6 Oct 1791

Job Caswell, Tuanton, Private, Capt. James Williams,Jr.s co. which marched 20 April 1775, inresponse to the alarm of 19 April 1775 to Roxbury; discharged 23 Apr 1775; service 6 days, also, Lieut. Noah Dean's (3rd) co. Col. George Williams regt; marched to Warren,R.I., via Rehoboth on the alarm of 8 Dec 1776; service 16 days; also, Capt. Josiah King's co., Col. John Daggett's regt. ~~xxxxxx~~ enlisted 25 Aug 1778; discharged 1 Sept 1778; service 8 days, at Rhode Island; also, Capt. Simeon Cobb's co. 3rd regt. Gen. Godfrey's brigade; enlisted 14 Aug 1779; service 1 mo. 2 days; company detached for 4 weeks service at Rhode Island under command of Capt. Samuel Fisher; also Capt. James Macomber's (3d) co., Col. Mitchell (Bristol co.) regt. commanded by Lieut. Col. James Williams, Brig. Gen. Godfrey's brigade; marched to Tiverton, R. I. 2 Aug 1780 on an alarm, service 3 days. (Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Rev. War" Vol 3:200)
Ref. for the other data above: Caswell Genealogy, Edward Alexis Caswell of New York City 1901 (copy in NEHGSo.Lib.,Boston,Mass.)

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Jedediah Caswell m Mary King, see pg 20

1. John King b abt 1600 prob came with Dept. Gov. John Humphrey (Winthrops Hist of NE, p 160, vol 2) m fist, Mary

2. John King b 1624, m abt 1646 Hester Bayley, dau of Thos.

3. Hezekiah King b abt 1656 m Mary Shaw bef 1683; dau of John and Alice (Phillips) Shaw

4. Samuel King b 20 Apr 1686 Weymouth VR I:161 m Sarah...., d 6 June 1724 aged 39 (Norton vr) c ildren b in Weymouth (VR, p 161)

5. Mary b 20 Oct 1709 m 11 July 1726 Jedidiah Caswell

ANDREWS

1 John Andrews b Eng; came from Wales; d 25 June 1679 Boston, Mass.; m Hannah Jackson b 1 Mar 1636 Boston, Mass

2 John Andrews (Captain) b 20 Sept 1662 Boston d 25 Jly 1742 aged 80, Taunton, Mass; m 1st, Alice Shaw b 6 Jly 1666 Weymouth, Mass; d 1 Feb 1735 aged 69 yrs. Weymouth, Mass.

3 Martha Andrews m Thomas Jones of Dighton, Mass (see pg 18)

SHAW

1 Abraham Shaw came from Northowram, parish of Halifax, co. York, Eng. d 1638 Dedham, Suffolk Co. Mass. m in Eng. Bridget Best

2 John Shaw m Alice Phillips; he was bp 23 May 1630 Halifax, Eng d 16 Sept 1704 Weymouth, Mass; she survived her husband.

3 Alice Shaw m John Andrews

3 Benjamin Shaw, her brother, m Hannah Bicknell

3 Mary Shaw m Hezekiah King (see above)

These 3 Shaw children are ancestors of the compiler.

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11 Mary 4 Mirick (Saml,Saml,Saml) BORN: Berkley,Mass
DIED:
m 2d, 12 May 1748 Nathan Briggs of Berkley

MARRIED: (1st) 3 May 1742 Berkley,Mass by Rev. Saml Tobey

Benjamin Crane BORN: 1716
DIED:"22 Oct 1743 aged 27 husband" (Berkley town rec)

CHILD:

i Bernace Crane b 9 Jan 1742/3; later called "Barnabas" bought land of Nathan Mirick

MARRIED: 2d) 12 May 1748 by Rev. Sam Tobey of Berkley

Nathan Briggs BORN:
DIED:

CHILDREN:

ii Nathan Briggs
iii Paul Briggs
iv Abraham Briggs
v Helah Briggs
vi Mary Briggs
vii Marcy Briggs

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12 Sarah 4 Mirick (Saml,Saml,Saml) BORN: Berkley,Mass
DIED:

MARRIED: 13 May 1753 by Rev. Saml Tobey of Berkley

Roland Gavin BORN: England
DIED;

Gavin was an Englishman and the first Berkley,Mass school teacher on regular salary. Many of his scholars became able teachers.

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13 Samuel 4 Mirick (Saml,Saml,Saml) BORN: Berkley,Mass
DIED: about 1745 Berkley,Mass

MARRIED: 11 May 1744 Taunton (printed vr)

Jemima Cobb BORN:
DIED: Living 1788

CHILDREN:

38 Samuel Mirick, called "grandson Samuel, son of deceased son Samuel" in grandfather's will in 1747

On 23 Oct 1745 Ebenezer Mirick (#8) was made adm'r of his brother Samuel's estate and in 1748 a settlement is made on Samuel's widow Barbara (Berkley recs in Pub Lib.)

Samuel Mirick (see #17) was m to Barbara Tinkham of Dartmouth 20 Aug 1774.

A Samuel Mirick died about 1744 Berkley, Mass and the papers in his estate are dated 1744. He left a widow Jemima, a brother Ebenezer and a father, Samuel. Samuel's marriage record says "Samuel Mirick, Jr. of Berkley and Jemima Cobb of Taunton 11 May 1744". (Taunton pub v r) Probate Court Rec.,Taunton)

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Calvin Myricks estate was appraised 10 Dec 1856, value 11,878.08 homestead and 120 acres of land. $6,000 one undivided of salt marsh in Berkley on Shove's Neck $150.00; woodland in Berkley $60.00; Assonet, 1 acre $50.00; Middleboro, 13 acres $160; 40 acres woodlot part in Berkley, part in Freetown $800.00; 25 acres woodland Freetown $350.00; one acre salt marsh Freetown $50.00; in Bear Swamp $60.; etc. His widow Sarah, is guardian of his minor children:

Artemas D. Myrick is his third son and inherits the interests in salt marsh land on Shove's Neck, Berkley. This he sold to Edna M. Hoxie's (copyist of Berkley recs) grandfather, David Hoxie, 1867 for $25.00. He was then of Providence; Julia, wife of Artemas D., and EllenK. Myrick, daughter of Obed Mirick, owns the adjoining two acres.

Gideon H. eldest son; Erastus O. second son; Polly, eldest dau; then Sarah and Emily were the other children of Calvin.

To Sarah, east half of new dwelling house; to Emily, the west half.

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1858, Keziah H. Myrick widow of Obed, is made guardian of Phebe and Ellen K. value of estate $9,335.

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Calvin and Obed Merrick both lived in the Samuel Myrick house, built about 1700; one accout says they were born in it; this compiler has been unable to trace their lineages with the material in her possession. (see p 15, will of Phebe Myrick)

Calvin Myrick was appointed postmaster at Berkley,Mass Sept 1848; 18 Jan 1879 George B. Burt was appointed postmaster of Myricksville. This village at its center is 3 miles from Berkley common, has a Methodist Church and school for lower grades; grammar school scholars are brought by bus to consolidated school at Berkley Common, High School pupils to Dighton High School. Assonet pupils attend Dighton High by bus. Berkley has a town hall and Carnagie Library on Berkley Common. Shipbuilding was introduced by a philanthropist, Thomas Crain, from England. Through the 1700s and up to 1826 this industry flourished on the Dighton and Berkley sides of the river; Berkley on the east. Both towns had fishing grounds along the river, large farms and much dairying. Now (1943) all is changed. The Portuguese are among us. They are good at truck gardening.

Calvin and Obed Myricks were prominent in Myricks; Obed was responsible for Myricks Academy, opened 1854 (see more about this Academy, pages 4-5-6)

Shove's Neck is part of Freetown, leads off Friend Street on which the Quaker Church stood on the eastern end of the street--close by the highway leading from Taunton, through Assonet to Fall River. The first church erected below Assonet Village shortly before the second one over 50 yrs. later and the third Quaker Church in 1853 or 54 was erected at the northern end of Assonet. The division line on the west is near the western end of the street which leads into Assonet Neck road now called Bayview Ave. Assonet Neck, two and a half miles long, less than a mile wide, was the favorite hunting ground of the Wampanoags, their sachem, KingPhilip, It has Assonet Bay on its East and Taunton River on the west. A high ridge runs through the center. It was seized by Plymouth Colony to pay expenses of King Philip's War. It was the first seizure ever made from the Indians.

In 1677 it was sold to 6 proprietors of Taunton: Rev. George Shove taking the first share, 153 acres and some roads. He was Taunton's third minister 1666--till his death 1687, was thrice married, son Edward by second wife, Hannah Walley, inherited his share in Assonet Neck but did not come to live there until after the birth of his first born, George and Mary, twins, born in Scituate in 1705 where he had married Elizabeth, granddaughter of Rev. William Whtherell, minister of Scituate.

"I think this minister was a Quaker. Edward Shove became a Quaker and all the Shoves after him. George Shove had 4 children: Lydia; Sarah; Edward; and George. From Edward Shove, Eugene Percy Shove of Colorado Springs descends. He gave Colorado College the beautiful Shove Memorial Chapel. His father was a Methodist minister." (Edna M. Noxie letter of 1943)

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MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

From: Probate Court Records, Taunton, Mass.

Samuel Myrick estate 1744
Samuel Myrick estate 1781
Samuel Myrick estate1789

From: Taunton published vital records

Unplaced Merricks(Marrick,Merick,Mirick,Mirrick,Myrick)

Eleazer of Dighton and Rachel Richmond of Tauunton m 8 Nov 1785 in Taunton
Elizabeth (Merick) and Richard Williams both of Taunton m 1 Jan 1740 in Taunton
Obed Mriick and Phebe Haskins both of Taunton m 21 Oct 1798 in Freetown
Stephen Mirick and Elizabeth Willis both of Taunton m 22 Nov 1733

From: "Mass Soldiers & Sailors in the Rev War"
Nathaniel Myrick, return of company officers belonging to Col.

Dikes regt. showing number of men present and also those not joined, dated Dorchester 21 Sept 1776 said Myrick with others raised for Capt. Ezekiel Knowltons co. but reported not joined.

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Below is the outline of the Thayer ancestry connected with the Myrick family. For complete details consult Martin Clinton Thayer, His Ancestors and Descendants compiled by Ruth Thayer Ravenscroft, copies are in New England Historic Genealogical Society Library, 9 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass. and many of the other genealogical libraries over the country. This genealogy is in six volumes and covers both the Richard Thayer and Thomas Thayer of Braintree, Mass. descendants and the descendants of Nathaniel Thayer of Taunton, with all the allied names in the line of the compiler andmany of those connected with the other Thayer branches. This compilation contains much data not heretofore published and correctsmany of the errors in previously printed works on Thayer descendants and some of the other families concerned.

1 Richard Thayer bp 8 Apr 1601 Thornbury, near Bristol, Gloucestershire, Eng., d St. Michael, Barbadoes Islands Oct 1664 m in England 5 Apr 1624 at Thornbury, Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Dorothy Mortemore who d 17 Jan 1640/1 England. Came to Braintree, Mass 1641/2 where he married 2d, Parker, m 3rd, Catherine.....in Barbadoes Islands.

2 Richard Thayer bp 10 Feb 1624/5 Thornbury, Eng d 27 Aug 1695 age 71 Braintree, Mass. m 24 Dec 1651 Braintree, Dorothy Pray b 1634 England, d 11 Dec 1705 Braintree, Mass.

3 Nathaniel Thayer b 11 Mar 1657 Braintree, Mass d 28 Mar 1728 same place; m 27 May 1679 Hannah Hayden b 11 May 1660 d after 1718

4 Hezekiah Thayer b abt 1697 Braintree, Mass; d abt 1774 same place; m 3 Nov 1729 Christian Aspinwall b 2 Aug 1704 Boston, Mass; d 4 Sept 1747 Braintree, Mass

5 Hezekiah Thayer b 30 Sept 1730, d 1782 Braintree; m May 1752 Mary Stetson b 14 Mar 1733 Randolph, Mass; d 1 Apr 1812 age 79 (descendant of Cornet Robert Stetson of Scituate)

6 Reuben Thayer b 1758 Braintree, Mass d 4 July 1834 age 76 m Rachel Stetson (his first cousin) b 19 Dec 1764 Randolph, Mass d 26 Jan 1803 age 38 Belchertown, Mass (Reuben Thayer was a Revolutionary War soldier; moved to Belchertown soon after close of the war; bought Pomeroy Manor just over the town line from Belchertown in Amherst. It is still standing in good repair and occupied (1959) by a couple who love it as much as if it had been in their own family)

7 Reuben Thayer b 4 June 1796 Belchertown, Mass d 6 Mar 1876 m 12 Oct 1816 Belchertown, Achsa Mirick b 25 Nov 1795 Berkley, Mass; d 8 Sept 1872 Belchertown, Mass.

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